



**MANAGEMENT LIBRARIES NETWORK**

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**MANLIBNET**

**Providing Value through Information**

## **INTRODUCTION**

Management Libraries Network (MANLIBNET) was founded in 1998 and later registered as a Society under the Societies Regulation Act of 1860 in the year 2000. MANLIBNET was established for the sharing of resources and information among the libraries by fostering a spirit of cooperation and weaving these together in a networking arrangement. MANLIBNET provides a common forum for library and information science professionals to develop understanding and co-operation among them for the purpose of effective collaboration and networking.

MANLIBNET aims to promote, nurture, and enhance the profession of librarianship in the country through networking; holding conferences, workshops, seminars; consulting, mentoring, and publishing.

MANLIBNET promotes outstanding library practices by identifying the Best Librarian from the information professionals' community and recognizing the best academic work on an annual basis.

Late Shri Ashok Jambhekar was the founder President of Management Libraries Network (MANLIBNET) who initiated the idea of this Network in 1998 by holding the 1st Annual MANLIBNET Convention at the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad in collaboration with Ahmedabad Management Association. The late Shri Jambhekar dedicated his life to the upliftment of the library profession and established several best practices during his remarkable career. He was known for simplicity, austerity, brevity, honesty, and integrity. He was a humble, modest, and down to earth person who never complained. He was indeed an institution builder and a teacher par excellence who was a real friend in strict Indian traditions. He left for the heavenly abode on the morning of June 2, 2003 while working at the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad.

### **1. AIM AND OBJECTIVES**

MANLIBNET was formed to achieve high standards in librarianship & information services in India. Some of the aims and objectives of MANLIBNET are listed below:

1. Development of strong linkages among Business, Management and other libraries and information centers;
2. Promotion of research in the area of librarianship & development of new information in the relevant areas;
3. Formulation of standards, guidelines, etc. for libraries & information centers, keeping in view the increased and varied applications of information technology in libraries;
4. Providing a common forum to the professionals interested or engaged in librarianship and information services by holding conferences, seminars, workshops, librarians development programme, etc.;
5. Publications of journal, books etc. which will help to achieve the objectives of the society;
6. To offer opportunities for library related continuing education, especially by imparting computer and technology oriented training;
7. Promotion of close ties with other professional or private bodies engaged with collection, processing and dissemination of information;

8. Developing relationships with other professionals associated in achieving the goals and objectives of society; and,
9. To carry out all such things that are essential or conducive to the realization of above mentioned objectives.

To achieve the above mentioned broad objectives, MANLIBNET has so far organized twenty annual conferences in various institutions, including IIM Ahmedabad; IMT Ghaziabad; IIM Lucknow; IIM Kozhikode; IIM Indore; XLRI Jamshedpur; IIM Trichy; TAPMI Manipal; National Institute of Financial Management, Ministry of Finance; Nirma University, Ahmedabad; ICSSR, New Delhi; ICSSR Mumbai; KIIT University, Bhubaneswar; JIM, Noida; Parul University, Vadodara; EDI, Gandhinagar; SSIM, Secunderabad; IIMR, Jaipur; University of Delhi; etc.

## **2. ADVISORY BOARD**

1. Prof. C.R. Karisiddappa, former Professor, Karnatak University, Dharwad
2. Ms. Kalpana Dasgupta, former Director, Central Secretariat Library
3. Prof. Laxman Rao, former Professor Emeritus, University of Hyderabad
4. Prof. Roshan Lal Raina, former Vice Chancellor, JKL University, Jaipur

## **3. OUR PRESIDENTS**

Late Shri Ashok Jambhekar, Former Librarian, IIM Ahmedabad  
Mr. M. M. L. Goyal, Senior Librarian, ICFAI Business School, Gurgaon  
Dr. P. R. Goswami, Director, Central Secretariat Library, Ministry of Culture,  
Government of India  
Dr. H. Anilkumar, Librarian, IIM Ahmedabad  
Dr. M.G. Sreekumar, Director, Libraries Jio University

## **4. MANLIBNET MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of MANLIBNET is open to all the library professionals, information scientists and their institutions. MANLIBNET website—<http://www.manlibnet.in> plays an important role in disseminating useful information to its members and other LIS professionals. Details about membership, past conferences and programmes, forthcoming events etc. are available on the website. The website also hosts other basic information of the Network, its aims and objectives, copy of registration certificate, MOU and detailed information about the Executive Council members.

## **ACTIVITIES - 2022-23**

The website of MANLIBNET [www.manlibnet.in](http://www.manlibnet.in) provides complete information of the activities, awards, announcements, etc. However, a brief description of its activities conducted during the year 2022-23 is mentioned below:

## 1. MANLIBNET RURAL LIBRARY PROJECT

The Rural Library Project (Gramin Pustakalay) reflects MANLIBNET's sense of responsibility towards the importance of libraries in the Indian society. The main objective of this project is to offer reading resources and a dedicated space to the village communities.

To initiate the implementation of this initiative, MANLIBNET identified a site in Simalthu Village, Surat, Gujarat, and purchased library materials. Dr. Ami Yagnik, an eminent surgeon and social worker, inaugurated the library on July 21, 2023, when it went into operation. Dr. Yagnik emphasized the importance of books and reading materials in nurturing the all-around development of individuals as she inaugurated the library. She eloquently described how her lifelong reading habits, nurtured since infancy, have played a pivotal role in shaping her journey as a good human being.

Dr. Meeta Rathod V., who initiated this significant initiative, informed the villagers about the various activities of MANLIBNET and the organization's commitment to improving society through the utilisation of libraries.

The event received extensive print and online media coverage. Here are some excerpts from newspaper articles and links to online media coverage:

 બારડોલી-વ્યારા ભાસ્કર 23-07-2023

**ઓલપાડ તાલુકાના સીમલથું ગામે પુસ્તકાલય ખુલ્લું મુકાયું**



ક્રીમ ઓલપાડ તાલુકાના સીમલથું ગામે પંચાયત ભવનમાં પુસ્તકાલયનો પ્રારંભ કરવામાં આવ્યો હતો. પુસ્તકાલયના ઉદ્ઘાટન પ્રસંગે સામાજિક કાર્યકર ડૉ. અમીબેન યાગ્નિક, ડિલ્હીની મેનલીબનેટ લાઈબ્રેરી સંસ્થાના સભ્ય મિતાબેન વાંસદીયા, કિરિટસિંહ મહિડા (કીમ), સરપંચ છનાભાઈ સચિત મહેમાનોએ દીપ પ્રાગટ્ય કરી કાર્યક્રમ ખુલ્લો મુક્યો હતો. પુસ્તકાલય સંચાલિકા દિસાબેન પટેલે પ્રાસંગિક ઉદ્ઘોષનમાં પુસ્તકાલય વિશે તેમજ આપી હતી. મિતાબેન વાંસદીયાએ મેનલીબનેટ લાઈબ્રેરી સંસ્થાની કામગીરી જણાવી 25 હજારનું અનુદાન આપી ગ્રામ્ય વિસ્તારોમાં પુસ્તકાલય ઉભું કરવાની નેમ સાથે સીમલથું ગામેથી પ્રારંભ કર્યો હતો. ડૉ. અમીબેન યાગ્નિકે પોતાનો પુસ્તક પ્રેમ જણાવી પુસ્તકોની અગત્યતા સમજાવી હતી જ્યારે કિરિટસિંહ મહિડાએ જીવનમાં કોઈપણ ક્ષેત્રમાં સફળતા મેળવવા માત્ર પુસ્તકોજ માધ્યમ હોવાનું જણાવ્યું હતું.

**'મેનલીબનેટ રૂરલ લાઇબ્રેરી પ્રોજેક્ટ' હેઠળ ગુજરાતમાં 'સિમલથું ગ્રામ પુસ્તકાલય' ખુલ્લું મુકાયું**



નવગુજરાત સમય > અમદાવાદ: ડિલ્હીમાં આવેલા રાષ્ટ્રકાના ગ્રંથાલય નેટવર્ક 'મેનલીબનેટ' (મેનેજમેન્ટ લાઈબ્રેરી નેટવર્ક) દ્વારા તાજેતરમાં ઓલપાડ તાલુકાના સિમલથું ગામના પંચાયત ઘરમાં 'સિમલથું ગ્રામ પુસ્તકાલય'નું ઉદ્ઘાટન કરાયું હતું. અતિથિ વિશેષ ડૉ. અમી યાગ્નિક (સામાજિક કાર્યકર અને જનરલ સર્જન) સાથે સરપંચ છનાભાઈ, કિરિટસિંહ મહિડા, ડૉ. મિતા વાંસદીયાએ દીપ પ્રાગટ્ય કરીને ગામલોકો માટે ગ્રંથાલય ખુલ્લું મુક્યું હતું. ગ્રંથાલય સંચાલિકા દીસા પટેલે ગ્રંથાલય વિશે માહિતી આપી હતી. 'મેનલીબનેટ'ના ટ્રેજરર ડૉ. મિતાબેને જણાવ્યું હતું કે અંતરિયાળ ગામોમાં ગ્રંથાલયો ઊભાં કરવાના હેતુથી રાજ કરાયેલા 'મેનલીબનેટ રૂરલ લાઈબ્રેરી પ્રોજેક્ટ'નો મુખ્ય ખેય ગામલોકોને વાચનસામગ્રી અને તેના ઉપયોગ માટે જગ્યા પૂરી પાડવાનો છે. 'મેનલીબનેટ' દ્વારા આ ગ્રંથાલયને રૂ 25,000નું અનુદાન આપવામાં આવ્યું છે. ગ્રંથાલયના સહુપ્રથમ વાચક સરપંચ છનાભાઈને ઉપસ્થિત મહાનુભાવોના હસ્તે 'ગુજરાતનો નાથ' પુસ્તક આપી ગ્રંથાલયની કામગીરીનો પ્રારંભ કરાયો હતો. **નવગુજરાત સમય**

Links to the Online Media Coverage

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQqoNZg0MnU>

<https://cialive.in/simalthu-rural-library-manlibnet-rural-library-project-one-more-feather-in-the-manlibnets-hat/>

## 2. HELP-LIS MISSION

During the COVID-19 period, MANLIBNET initiated the 'HelpLIS Mission' for reaching out to COVID affected library professionals and their families for every possible help.

All the members of the group, the Help-LIS Mission, endorsed this Mission as a noble cause and extended their support to promote it as a charitable Trust.

A sum of Rs. 3,05,000/- was given to COVID-19 affected library professionals and their families. The broad objectives of the Trust, Help LIS Foundation (which was earlier known as Help-LIS Mission) are as under:

- a) To help Covid affected Library and Information Science (LIS) professional or meet other medical emergencies of LIS professionals who are in dire need of financial support.
- b) To create a fund for this purpose through donations from LIS professionals, professional associations in the LIS domain, publishing and information industry, companies, institutions and public at large.
- c) To publicise the Trust's objectives so that the LIS Professionals are able to approach the Trust for financial assistance.
- d) To invite and engage professional associations in the LIS domain in the country to join hands in promoting and strengthening the cause of the Trust.

While the Group started with a small number of individuals, the mission needs to grow with the involvement and support of all the LIS professionals, their professional associations and the members of the publishing & information industry fraternity, donors and help providers.

## 3. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LIBRARIES OF THE FUTURE: EMERGING TRENDS

### *i. Conference at KIIT University*

Management Libraries Network organized its 20th International Conference on '**Libraries of the Future: Emerging Trends**' in collaboration with KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, Orissa, during May 5-7, 2022. The conference was inaugurated by Prof Bhushan Patwardhan, Chairman, National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and presided over by Professor Sasmita Samanta, Vice-Chancellor, KIIT University.

The conference proceedings entitled Libraries of the Future: Emerging Trends/edited by Bijayalaxmi Rautaray, Akhtar Parvez, Dillip K. Swain and Chandrakanta Swain was released during the inauguration of the programme. The book was published by KIIT University, MANLIBNET and Overseas Press India with ISBN 978-93-92711-06-0. The total number of articles published in the proceedings was eighty. The copy of the table of contents of the conference proceedings has been enclosed as Annexure 1.



An exhibition of books and other information products was inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor of KIIT University.



The conference witnessed 9 Technical Sessions, 61 paper presentations, 2 Panel Discussions and 7 Product Presentation. The conference witnessed some of the distinguished speakers in the field of library and information science.





Panel Discussions

The first Panel Discussion was on the theme, ‘Contemporary Trends and Future of Libraries’. The discussion was moderated by Dr. Tariq Ashraf, University Librarian, Jamia Millia Islamia. The panelists included Dr. Akhtar Parvez, Dr. Meenal Oak, Dr. Nistha Anil Kumar, Dr. Meghana Sanjeeva and Mr. Ravi Singh.



The second Panel Discussion was on the theme, 'Future Roadmap of LIS Education' that was moderated by Professor Bulu Moharana of Sambhalpur University. The panelists included Prof. Puspanjali Jena, Prof. R. K. Mohapatra, Dr. K. Elavazgan, and Dr. Narayan Ghosh.



### Valedictory Function

The chief guest of the valedictory function was Professor Deepak Kumar Behera, Vice-Chancellor, KISS University and the guest of honour was Professor Jayanta Kumar Parida, Director, KIIT School of Social, Financial & Human Science. Dr. M.G. Sreekumar, President, MANLIBNET; Professor Jyanaranjan Mohanty, Registrar, KIIT; Prof. B. Ramesh Babu, Conference Director; Dr. Akhtar Parvez, General Secretary, MANLIBNET; Rapporteur General, Dr. Sada Bihari Sahu, and Dr. Bijayalaxmi Rautaray, Organising Secretary also attended the function.





Rapporteur General, Dr. Sada Bihari Sahu, presented a brief report of the conference. Professor Deepak Kumar Behera, Vice-Chancellor, KISS University congratulated the KIIT library and MANLIBNET for the successful completion of the event. Dr. M.G. Sreekumar, President, MANLIBNET; announced the names of the winners of the MANLIBNET-3B Best Paper Award. On behalf of MANLIBNET, Dr. Akhtar Parvez, expressed his gratitude to KIIT University, in particular, Dr. Achyuta Samanta, founder of the KIIT Group of Institutions for his exemplary leadership in making KIIT a world class institution.



Dr. Bijayalaxmi Rautaray, extended a formal vote of thanks to everyone involved in the conduct of the conference and the expressed gratitude to all the participants for attending the conference in record number. The conference was attended by more than 250 consisting of practising librarians, faculty, research scholars and students.

The event was well covered in the local media. Some of the newspaper clippings are given below:



#### 4. MANLIBNET LIBRARIANS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

For the first time in the LIS profession, MANLIBNET initiated LDPs for librarians, knowledge managers and information professional community in Surat, Gujarat in the year 2008. MANLIBNET strongly believes that such LDPs would help to sharpen the technical and managerial skills of LIS professionals. The course work of LDP is designed in a manner that provides a unique opportunity to the participants in developing their expertise in managing various library systems and services. Ultimately, such programmes help the LIS professionals to perform their duties effectively in their respective places of work.

So far, MANLIBNET has organised sixteen LDPs in various parts of the country including Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot, Ghaziabad, Mumbai, Pune, Greater Noida etc. The details of the LDPs organised by MANLIBNET are available at: <http://www.manlibnet.in/librarian-development-programme/>

The brief report of the LDPs organised during 2022-23 are as follows:

##### i. Essential Skill Enhancement for LIS Professionals

MANLIBNET in association with MES IMCC, Pune, organized a one-day National Level LDP on ‘Essential Skill Enhancement for the LIS Professionals’ on December 17, 2022. The basic objective of the LDP was to assist the LIS professionals in becoming efficient communicators through activity-based sessions, viz., handling interviews, presentation skills, etc. A total of 60 LIS professionals attended the LDP workshop from Mumbai, Pune, Ahmednagar, Nasik, Narayangaon, and Baramati.

Some of the broad objectives included:

- to guide the LIS professionals to become efficient communicators through activity based sessions, to understand various issues faced by the professionals during the interview process and help them overcoming the such issues/difficulties,
- to train them in presentation skills.
- to provide them an opportunity to interact with the experts in the library science field

### Inauguration

Dr. Anil Kulkarni, Chancellor Nominee, BOM YCMOU, and former Principal, H. V. Desai College, Pune, inaugurated the programme. Addressing the participants on the occasion, Dr. Kulkarni mentioned the importance of communication not only for the LIS professionals but also as an essential element for the whole academic fraternity.

Professor Santosh Deshpande, Director, IMCC, welcomed the participants and underlined the crucial role of communication and interviews in the professional life of the academic fraternity. Dr. Deshpande appreciated the support of MANLIBNET in organizing the LDPs.

While addressing the august gathering during the inaugural, Dr. M. G. Sreekumar, President, MANLIBNET highlighted various activities of MANLIBNET and stressed upon the need for hard skills and soft skills for the LIS professionals.

Dr. Meenal Oak, Coordinator of the LDP, expressed her gratitude to Professor Santosh Deshpande, Director, IMCC, for his support in organizing the event. She also thanked MANLIBNET for their continued support and stated that this is the third event she is organizing in collaboration with MANLIBNET.





## Technical Session

Dr. Sushil Nirbhavne, from MIT World Peace University, Pune, spoke on ‘Art of Listening, Public Speaking, and Conversing’.

Dr. M. G. Sreekumar, President, MANLIBNET & Director Libraries, Jio University, Mumbai, delivered his address on ‘Libraries, Discovery, and the Catalogue: Scale, Workflow, and Attention’. He focused on the improvement of technical skills and the effective utilization of technological tools for improving the library service. He discussed a case study of Jio University, Mumbai, and guided the participants in the use of open-source library software.

Dr. Akhtar Parvez, University Librarian, MANUU, Hyderabad, sensitized the participants on the importance of creating processes in the library. He spoke on the theme ‘The Checklist: Do We Need it in Libraries?’. He demonstrated the use of simple management tools like checklists for enhancing staff efficiency in libraries and information centres.

Mr. Kishor Ingale, Branch Head, Tata Consultancy Services, Pune interacted with participants on the theme ‘Preparing for the Presentation & Interview: a Consistent Skill Enhancement’.

This was followed by a session on mock interviews. This was a unique activity and an opportunity for participants to interact with the experts in the LIS field. The panel of experts interviewed the participants.



## Panel Discussion

A panel discussion on the theme ‘Library Profession: Challenges and Opportunities’, was conducted with Dr. M. G. Sreekumar, President, MANLIBNET, as its moderator. The panelists included Mr. Jay Bhatt, Engineering Librarian, Drexel University, Philadelphia, USA; Dr. Meeta Rathod, National LDP Coordinator and Treasurer, MANLIBNET; Dr. Akhtar Parvez, University Librarian, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad; Mr. Kishor Ingle, Branch Head, IRC, Tata Consultancy Services, Pune; Dr. Subhash Athavale, Librarian, CHM College & General Secretary, MUCTA, Ulhasnagar, Maharashtra; Dr. Meenal Oak, LDP



Coordinator; and Dr. Shubhada Nagarkar, Associate Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Savitribai Phule University, Pune.



The programme concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Akhtar Parvez.

ii. *Importance of Libraries in NAAC Accreditation*

The Librarians Development Programme (LDP) on ‘NAAC Accreditation: Strategy and Best Practices’ was held on January 25, 2023 in collaboration with FLAME University, Pune. The purpose of the event was to discuss the role and significance of libraries in achieving National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) accreditation as well as how academic libraries can get ready for a physical inspection by the NAAC team. Numerous academics, students, and librarians from various institutions attended the workshop. The workshop started with the registration process, where participants collected their conference kits and registered their attendance.

Dr. Dishan Kamdar, Vice-Chancellor, FLAME University, delivered the keynote address, emphasizing the significance of libraries in the NAAC accreditation process.

Dr. Akhtar Parvez, University Librarian, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, discussed the importance of preparing libraries for physical inspection by the NAAC team, highlighting the key areas of focus and the steps that should be taken to ensure a successful inspection. Dr. Vrushali Dandawate delivered a presentation on the importance of documentation for NAAC accreditation, explaining the key elements of a well-documented library and the benefits of having a comprehensive library documentation system.

Dr. Dinesh Shenoy, Dean of Research and Dean of FLAME School of Business, discussed the dynamic capabilities of academic libraries and the role they play in supporting the academic

mission of institutions. Dr. Meeta Rathod led a creative thinking workshop, where participants were encouraged to think outside the box and develop creative solutions to common challenges faced by libraries in the NAAC accreditation process.



A panel discussion on the theme ‘Role of Library in NAAC’ was also held during the programme. The panelists included Dr. M.G. Sreekumar, Director Libraries, Jio University; Dr. Akhtar Parvez, Dr. Meenal Oak, Librarian, IMCC, Pune; Dr. Vandan Shelar, Librarian, MES Abasaheb Garware College; Dr. Meghana Sanjeeva, Librarian, Vivekanand Education Society's College of Arts, Science and Commerce; Dr. Madhavi Wadekar, Senior Librarian, Institute of Chemical Technology.

During the panel discussion, the participants had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss their concerns with the panel of experts.

After the event, the participants were taken on a guided tour of the FLAME Vivekananda Library where they were shown the various facilities and services offered by the library. The participants were impressed by the state-of-the-art technology and innovative features of the library.

The workshop on "Importance of Libraries in NAAC Accreditation" was a great success. The participants appreciated the relevance of the topics covered and the insights provided by the speakers. They also appreciated the certificate distribution and the library tour. Overall, the workshop was a valuable learning experience for all participants and provided them with a better understanding of the importance of libraries in the NAAC accreditation process. The workshop witnessed positive feedback from the participants, with the majority of them agreeing or strongly agreeing with the following points:

- a) The workshop was well organized,
- b) The facilitator had comprehensive knowledge of the subject matter,
- c) The facilitator helped participants understand how the material related to their work,
- d) The workshop was informative, effective, and well planned.

- e) The panel discussion was helpful and informative.
- f) The feedback also indicates that some participants found the workshop helpful in terms of enhancing their knowledge and understanding of the NAAC Accreditation process.

## 5. PUBLICATIONS

MANLIBNET publications include Journal of Library Management, Conference proceedings, Books, etc. The details of the publication published during 2022–23 are as follows:

### *i. Journal of Library Management*

MANLIBNET has been regularly publishing its quarterly journal, ‘*Journal of Library Management*’ since 2012. One of the important objectives of publishing the Journal is to promote outstanding library practices by publishing research articles in the Journal. The latest available issue of the journal is December 2022.

### *ii. Conference Proceeding*

The following book was published during the year 2022-23:

*Libraries of the Future: Emerging Trends*/edited by Bijayalaxmi Rautaray, Akhtar Parvez, Dillip K Swain and Chandrakanta Swain. The book was published by KIIT University, MANLIBNET and Overseas Press India with ISBN 978-93-92711-06-0. The total number of articles published in the proceedings was eighty.

## 6. MANLIBNET AWARDS

In the year 2000-01 MANLIBNET instituted two important annual awards viz. MANLIBNET Best Librarian Award and MANLIBNET Best Paper Award. In the year 2019-2020, another award by the name ‘MANLIBNET Innovate Librarian Award’ was also instituted.

The awards were presented during the 20th International Conference on **Libraries of the Future: Emerging Trends**, held at the KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, Orissa, during *May 5-7, 2022*.

### *MANLIBNET BEST LIBRARIAN AWARD – 2020*

MANLIBNET promotes outstanding library practices by identifying the Best Librarian from the information professionals’ community and recognizes the best academic and professional work on an annual basis.

The MANLIBNET Best Librarian Award 2020 was conferred on Dr. Ramesh C. Gaur, Dean, Director (Library & Information) and Head, Kalanidhi Division, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts; in recognition of his immense contribution to the library and information science profession and achieving excellence in managing libraries, designing, and pioneering innovative best practices for the user community.

The citations and other details of awards are available at <http://www.manlibnet.in/best-librarian/>





The awards were presented during the 20th International Conference on ‘Libraries of the Future: Emerging Trends’, held at the KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, Orissa, during May 5-7, 2022.

#### *MANLIBNET INNOVATIVE LIBRARIAN AWARD – 2020, 2021 and 2022*

For bringing innovation to library services, MANLIBNET Innovative Librarian Awards were conferred on the following librarians:

MANLIBNET Innovative Librarian Award 2022: Dr. Dhavalben. D. Bhatt, Chief Librarian and Dean, Library & Information Science, Parul University, Vadodara, Gujarat.

MANLIBNET Innovative Librarian Award 2021: Dr. Akhtar Hussain, Librarian, Institute of Management Technology, Ghaziabad.

MANLIBNET Innovative Librarian Award 2020: Dr. Bijayalaxmia Rautaray, Director, Library, KIIT University, Bhubaneswar

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### *MANLIBNET-3B Best Paper Award*

MANLIBNET-3B Best Paper Award is given to incentivize library professionals who contribute research papers to MANLIBNET annual conferences.

MANLIBNET-3B Best Paper Award for the year 2022 was jointly given for the following two papers:

- Information Retrieval of ETDs in Shodhganga Through QR Technology With Special Reference to Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli: A Study by R. S. Jaya Suriya Dheva and S. Srinivasaragavan.
- Journey From Digitization to Implementation of the CEPT Thesis Repository by Tejaswini Joshi, Namrata Dobariya and Gayatri Doctor.

MANLIBNET-3B Best Paper Award is supported by Bharat Book Bureau (3B), it consists of a certificate and a cash award of Rs. 10,000/-.



MANLIBNET wishes R. S. Jaya Suriya Dheva, S. Srinivasaragavan, Tejaswini Joshi, Namrata Dobariya and Gayatri Doctor

The following papers were selected for recognition by MANLIBNET for introducing a novel concept at the conference:

- Retraction of Research Papers on Covid-19: A Bibliometric Study by Rosy Sahu, Syed Nilofar Ahmed and Bulu Maharana
- Trend of Occurrence and Persistency of Web References in Research: A Study of LIS Theses from 1980 by 2019 by Nilakshi Sharma and S. N. Singh



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#### *MANLIBNET INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GRANT*

To promote research in LIS, the MANLIBNET-Bharat Book Bureau (3B) International Travel Grant of about Rs. 65000/- a year is given to MANLIBNET members for presenting an original and unpublished paper at an international library conference held outside India.

For the year 2022, the MANLIBNET International Travel Grant was conferred upon Mr. Nitin S Joshi, Librarian, Knowledge Resource Centre, MIT World Peace University. The grant was given to him for presenting his research paper entitled A Groundwork Revision of Anxiety among Library Professionals Using GAD-7: A Picture of the COVID-19 Consequence during 'The COLLNET 2022: 16th International Conference on Webometrics, Informetrics, and Scientometrics (WIS)' held during 10-12 November 2022, at the Office of Academic Resources, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand.

## **7. FUTURE PLANS**

In the next few years, MANLIBNET has the following plans:

- **Librarian Development Programmes (LDP):** In response to the feedback received from participants, MANLIBNET intends to expand the reach of LDPs across India and diversify the range of topics covered. These programs will be a combination of in-person and online sessions, depending on the locations and availability of resource persons.
- **MANLIBNET Rural Library Project:** With the aim of promoting the Government of India's "One Country One Digital Library" initiative, MANLIBNET established a rural library in Simalthu Village of Surat, Gujarat in July 2023. MANLIBNET plans to strengthen and implement more rural libraries in select villages on the lines of one established at Surat. This initiative is particularly targeted towards villages that lack adequate public education support and essential technology and communication infrastructure.
- **Collaboration with Help-LIS Foundation:** MANLIBNET is considering providing financial assistance to deserving library professionals facing health issues or other unfortunate circumstances that have left them in challenging situations.

With the support of library professionals and funding agencies, MANLIBNET is confident of that it will be able to work for the betterment of library and information science professionals. MANLIBNET expresses its gratitude to all the members of its governing body for their continued support.

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